

PUBLIC BUILDING AT NEWPORT, KY.

JANUARY 11, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HICKS, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 172.]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 172) which increases the limit of cost of a public building at Newport, Ky., from \$75,000 to \$120,000, respectfully report:

The cost of a site for such building will probably be \$25,000, and the amount remaining of \$50,000 will not be sufficient to construct such a building as said city really needs.

Newport, Ky., is a city of 30,000 people, with the two cities of Dayton and Bellevue, each about 6,000 population, together with the United States military post of Fort Thomas, receiving their mail from the Newport office. The receipts of the office are about \$35,000 per year. We therefore recommend the passage of the bill.